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Celebrate Women's History Month



Do you
recognize
this lady
and her
house?

Emily Barnelia Woodward (1885-1970), known as “Miss Em” to her family and close friends, was a prominent journalist, editor, and publisher of the *Vienna News* for seventeen years, and even the owner some of that time. She also contributed articles to noted newspapers and magazines throughout the state. She was the first woman president of the Georgia Press Association during a time when it was almost unheard for a woman to hold such a high position. She founded the Georgia Press Institute in 1928. During WWII she lectured in England and Scotland for the U. S. and British Offices of War Information.

Miss Em continued to serve her country after the war as a member of the General Douglas MacArthur Advisory Group on Education to Japan in 1946. She authored two books: *Empire: Georgia Today in Pictures and Paragraphs*, and *Forums: Why and How*. She was inducted into the Georgia Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1973 and Georgia Women of Achievement in 2004. Miss Em lived in this quaint cottage on the Old Americus Road in Vienna.

I like to think Miss Em believed and lived by what Edward Everett Hale said, *"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do."*

!!! 3RD Thursday Celebrations in Busbee Park Are Back !!!

Beginning Thursday, March 19
Bring a chair and enjoy the fellowship
Food Truck, Entertainment, Vendors

JOIN US IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN VIENNA'S BUSBEE PARK FOR
VIENNA MAIN STREET PRESENTS 3RDTHURS
SPRING SERIES 2020

MARCH 19 APRIL 16
MAY 21



Congratulations to Vienna City Clerk



City Clerk Margaret Shelley has been elected to serve as the District Eight Director for the Georgia Municipal Clerk's Association.

GMCA is a professional association comprised of City Clerks and Assistant Clerks from all across Georgia. Founded in 1956 GMCA has years of experience improving the professionalism and education of City Clerks. GMCA has grown to exceed 300 members representing small and large municipalities.

The purpose of GMCA is to promote professionalism in the Office of the Clerk by attending educational programs, exchanging experiences and methods of handling problems, and encouraging each other to find solutions to those problems.

Brian Kurtz, O.D. Joins Staff at AAPHC S. Trussell Medical Clinic



Dr. Brian Kurtz is now providing vision care services in Vienna at the Albany Area Primary Health Care S. Trussell Medical Center.

He completed his pre-optometry studies at West Chester State University in West Chester, Pennsylvania and earned his medical degree from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry/Salus University in Philadelphia, PA.

Kurtz is a member of the Georgia Optometric Association and the Armed Forces Optometric Society. He has 29 years of experience with caring for patients and their eye health.

His office hours are 1:00–5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. To make an appointment call 229-268-8865.

Dr. Kurtz also serves the Dooly County School Based Health Center at the K-8 Academy in Pinehurst.

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8. On Saturday night, set your clocks forward one hour to “spring ahead.”



Vienna Competes for HGTV Home Town Takeover

– a takeover to makeover an ENTIRE town

HGTV has announced it will be launching a new show call *Home Town Takeover* in 2021. The six-episode event series will follow design stars Erin and Ben Napier as they take on the renovation of an entire town, from single-family homes to public parks and everything in between. The network accepted nominations through February 7th for a town that deserves a life-changing overhaul.

Erin Napier said, “Show us those photos and videos. Tell us what makes your town special and how you’d like us to help make it better.” Ben Napier added, “Renovating one house at a time is an awesome experience, but the chance to support an entire town, where we can help bring a community back to life and enhance the lives of the people who live and work there, is something we’ve always wanted to try.”

The application requirements are:

- A population of less than 40,000
- Homes with great architecture longing to be revealed
- A main street that needs a face-lift

Applicants were asked to tell their story and also to submit a video tour of the areas of town that need the most TLC. Beth English, Janet Joiner, and Michael Bowens told Vienna’s story in their “Our Hometown” narratives. Thanks to Instructor, Patrick Jelks, with the Dooly County High School Audio/Visual Class and Laura Johnson, Vienna Main Street Director, for creating the video, and to Neil Joiner who narrated the video.



**Vienna
Video
Production
Crew**

Photo by Tim Franzen

City of Vienna Welcomes 2 New Businesses

Kinfolk Store & Suites

116 East Union Street
(321)987-0400

Blackwood Solutions, Inc.

Vienna South Industrial Park
901 Old Cordele Road
A Transportation and Material
Management Company

Fruits of Vienna B&B



St. Patrick's Day Party
Tuesday, March 17

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Serving Shepherd's Pie & Guinness Beer

Irish Themed Dinner
Thursday, March 19

6:00 p.m.

High Tea
Saturday, March 28

2:00-4:00 p.m.



For reservations call 229-947-3401 or email
sleep@fruitsofvienna.com.

Coming to Vienna



Andrew Stringfellow Carnival

"A Community afFair"

March 11-15



Congratulations to

Off The Chain
Cook Team

from
Social Circle, GA

for taking the Grand Champion
trophy at Dilly Dally in Dooly!

City of Vienna Awarded Safety and Liability Management Grant



The City of Vienna was recently awarded a Safety and Liability Management Grant by the Georgia Municipal Association. Making the presentation to City Hall was Terrell Jacobs a GMA representative.

Information technology and cybersecurity are a major source of liability for city governments. This Safety and Liability Management Grant will be used to offset the cost of IT services provided to the City of Vienna through *Sophicity IT in a Box*.

Thank You
DOOLY COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS
for the very interesting Black History Month display at
Vienna City Hall.





Community Bankers Association
of Georgia presents the

Julian & Jan Hester

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A CBA LEADERSHIP DIVISION INITIATIVE



South Georgia Banking Company (SGBC) is accepting applications for the 2020 Julian & Jan Hester Memorial Scholarship. This Scholarship Program, sponsored by the Community Bankers Association (CBA), awards \$1,000 annually to four (4) deserving high school seniors who plan to attend a Georgia College/University/Technical School beginning the Fall semester after they graduate. The (1) applicant who is selected by SGBC as the local winner will be awarded a \$500 cash scholarship before moving on to the CBA selection process.

The goal of The Julian & Jan Hester Memorial Scholarship is to assist deserving high school seniors in their first year of college and to promote community banking. The scholarship is named after long-time CBA Chief Executive Officer, the late Julian Hester and his late daughter, Jan Hester. Jan was a senior at the University of Georgia when she died in an auto accident in April of 1990. In addition to supporting community banking, this scholarship is an opportunity to pass on the positive qualities both Julian and Jan Hester exemplified to further the development of tomorrow's generations.

You can find additional details about the scholarship and the requirements for applicants at <https://www.cbaofga.com/julian--jan-hester-scholarship.html>. Please help spread the word about this scholarship and encourage qualifying high school seniors in your community and schools to fill out an application and return it to their nearest South Georgia Banking Company branch or mail it to SGBC, P.O. Box 1505, Tifton GA 31793 to be received **before Friday April 3, 2020**. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call.

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Vienna Celebrates Georgia Arbor Day

"He who plants a tree plants a hope." – Lucy Larcom

While the National Arbor Day observance is celebrated on the last Friday in April, many states have implemented state-recognized Arbor Days that reflect the best time for planting in their region. Georgia is one of three states to celebrate Arbor Day in February, observing the tradition on the third Friday of the month.

This year's tree, planted in the Downtown Square is a beautiful magnolia and serves as a living tribute planted by the Vienna Garden Club and Keep Vienna Beautiful in honor of a dedicated and long serving member of the Vienna Garden Club, Mrs. Laura Carolyn Woodward.

Vienna Garden Club Members left to right:

Marsha Mulderig, President

Elaine Johnson

Laura Carolyn Woodward,
Honoree

Beverly Dail

Murray Stephens

Laura Johnson, Keep Vienna
Beautiful Director

Photograph by Tim Franzen



City of Vienna Named TREE CITY USA for the 17th Year

The Tree City USA program has been greening up cities and towns across America since 1976. It is a nationwide movement that provides the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public trees.



GIVE THE CITY A HAND

PUTTING TRASH IN IT'S PLACE
JOIN THE GREAT VIENNA
CLEANUP 2020
MARCH 25-APRIL 8

FREE PICKUP FOR LIMBS AND YARD DEBRIS
NORMAL CHARGES APPLY FOR ITEMS SUCH AS
BUILDING MATERIALS, CARPET, APPLIANCES, ETC

LET'S HELP THE CITY LOOK GREAT THIS SPRING

ANY QUESTIONS? CALL CITY HALL 229-268-4744

*Winter is almost over, Spring is on its way
It's time to make Vienna beautiful again!*

How can I participate?

- **Local businesses** can make the extra effort to enhance the beauty of your own property by sweeping the sidewalks in front of your businesses; maintaining attractive window displays; keeping the grass mowed regularly; removing temporary/outdated signage and debris from your property; and continuing to maintain your structures.
- **Residents** should keep your property mowed, clear of debris, and also continue in maintaining your structures.
- **Property owners** should keep vacant lots mowed and cleared of debris and ensure rental property structures and lawns are maintained.
- **Community groups and organizations** can “adopt” an area to clean up. Just let us know the area and the date and time you plan to work.

dates to Remember

March 3, 2020
Senate District 13
Special Run-off Election



March 8, 2020
Daylight Saving Time
Spring Forward

March 9, 2020
6:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting
Vienna City Hall

March 17, 2020
St. Patrick's Day



March 19, 2020
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
3rd Thursday Celebration
Busbee Park

March 23, 2020
6:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting
Vienna City Hall

March 24, 2020
Presidential Primary



March 25, 2020 – April 8, 2020
City-Wide Cleanup Campaign

April 1, 2020
Census Day

Green Beans with Lemon & Garlic

These beans go with almost anything, take just 17 minutes to make from start to finish, and clock in at only 122 calories per serving.

Ingredients

2 pounds green beans, ends trimmed
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
3 tablespoons butter
2 large garlic cloves, minced
1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
1 tablespoon lemon zest

Salt and freshly ground black pepper



WATCH

1. Blanch green beans in a large stock pot of well salted boiling water until bright green in color and tender crisp, roughly 2 minutes. Drain and shock in a bowl of ice water to stop from cooking.
2. Heat a large heavy skillet over medium heat. Add the oil and the butter. Add the garlic and red pepper flakes and saute until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add the beans and continue to saute until coated in the butter and heated through, about 5 minutes. Add lemon zest and season with salt and pepper.

For community updates, healthy recipes,
workouts, and more follow us.

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Instagram @healthiertogetherdooly



Census Timeline

- **March 12 - 20:** Households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone, or by mail.
- **April 1:** Census Day is observed nationwide. By this date, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail. When you respond to the census, you'll tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020.
- **April:** Census takers will begin visiting college students who live on campus, people living in senior centers, and others who live among large groups of people. Census takers also begin conducting quality check interviews to help ensure an accurate count.
- **May - July:** Census takers will begin visiting homes that haven't responded to the 2020 Census to help make sure everyone is counted.
- **December:** The Census Bureau will deliver apportionment counts to the President and Congress as required by law.

GOAL: *Every person in Vienna/Dooly County, counted only once and in the right place.*

JOIN THE 2020 CENSUS TEAM BE A CENSUS TAKER

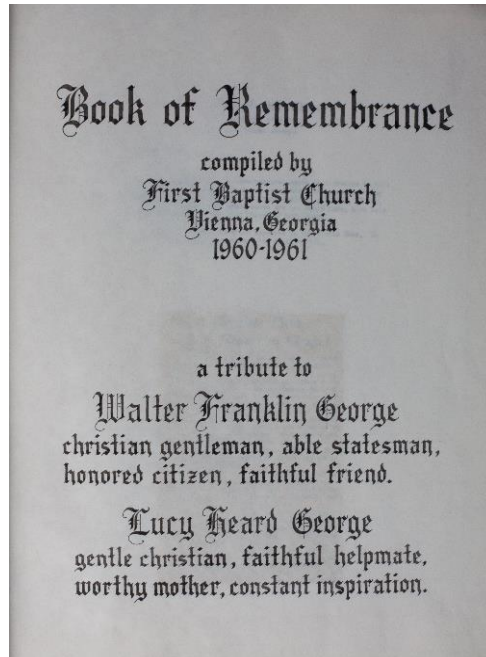
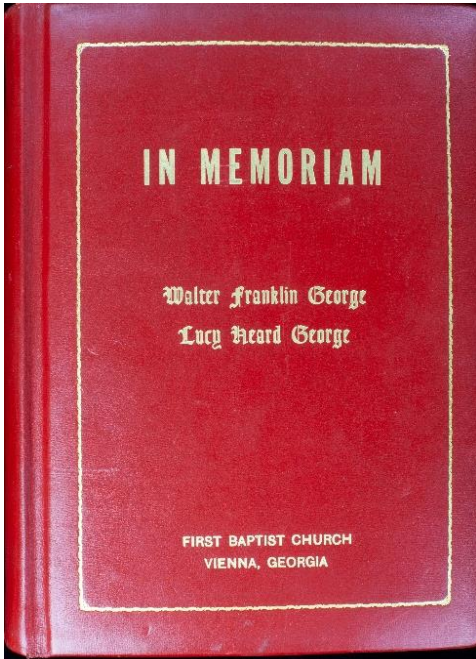
2020 Census Jobs Provide:

- ✓ Great pay - \$15.00 per hours
- ✓ Flexible hours
- ✓ Weekly pay
- ✓ Paid training

For more information or help applying, please call
1-855-JOB-2020

APPLY ONLINE!
2020census.gov/jobs

A Moment in Vienna History Preserved



First Baptist Church's *Book of Remembrance* has recently been scanned and placed in digital format by the University of Georgia's Richard B. Russell Library.

As we all know, paper doesn't last forever, so these efforts will help preserve the pages of this memorial to U. S. Senator and Mrs. Walter Franklin George for future generations.

The Russell Library also maintained a digital copy for their collection as well. Former Pastor Dr. L. C. Cutts said, "These letters and signatures found here have come from many people from all walks of life and from people of all ages. These, together with many more whose names are not found here, have made possible the George Memorial Chapel of our church."

**This newspaper clipping is from The Vienna News circa 1960.*

Local Baptists Plan George Memorial Chapel

During the past several years the First Baptist Church has been engaged in a program of remodeling of their entire church plant.

In response to the feeling of many that Vienna should have a fitting memorial to the late Senator Walter F. George and his wife, "Miss Lucy," the church voted to create a "George Memorial Chapel" along with their remodeling program. Immediately after such action many of the friends of the Senator and "Miss Lucy," at home and beyond, asked the privilege of having a part in making the memorial possible. The local people were gratified at the large number of interested friends all over the country.

The church agreed that as many as possible be notified of its intentions and an opportunity be given any and all to share in this memorial.

It was also agreed that a "Book of Remembrances" be started and all letters and names of donors, regardless of the size of the gift, be placed in this book. "The Book of Remembrances" will first be presented to the family and then placed in the chapel permanently.

Pastor L. C. Cutts states: "The chapel will be dedicated to the glory of God and to the making of men and women like these whose memory we cherish. They were members of this church for over half a century. They were married here. They were faithful in their attendance and loyal in their support. He served on the Board of Deacons for many years. Their last rites were held here. He was both a national and international figure of no small stature who wielded tremendous influence for good. The Chapel will be available at all times to visitors, friends and small group meetings."



Joiner's Corner

Retirement Advice by Neil Joiner

A man named Ben, who lives in Lee County, sent me an email in early December of 2019. He said he planned to retire at year end and wanted to know if I had any advice. I told him to stay off ladders and don't tell his wife he's retiring. She'll eventually find out, but by then he should have been able to establish a routine that's unblemished by spousal coercion.

The advice I gave him seemed potentially beneficial to others, so I decided to put it in a column with some other ideas. As I began writing, a few comments I've heard about retirement came to mind. Buddy Mashburn and his wife, Donna, owned The Clothing Carnival in Unadilla for many years. After they sold their business and moved to Florida a mutual friend of ours went to visit them. When he asked Donna how she liked retirement, she didn't hesitate. "I have half the money and twice the husband," she said. "What do you think?"

Another quote I heard was attributed to Mr. John Ransom, a former postmaster in Unadilla. Not long after he quit canceling stamps someone asked him how things were going. "It's been rough," he said. "I don't get any holidays, sick leave, or vacation."

Pete and Laura are friends of ours who live in Tennessee. Pete has retired but Laura is still working. When she came home from her job one afternoon, she asked Pete, "What did you do today?" "Nothing," he replied. "I thought that's what you did yesterday," she responded. "I did," said Pete, "but I didn't get finished."

Those three stories give evidence that a good sense of humor helps in almost every retirement situation, but I thought this column should also include a few ideas of substance. I'm no expert on retirement, but with four years of practice I'll share three suggestions. The triple tenets, which I believe are essential for a healthy retirement, are to stay busy, have some fun, and do something worthwhile.

There are plenty of ways to stay busy. It may be a longtime hobby like gardening, woodworking, fishing, or sewing. Or it may be something entirely new. I know a lady on the other side of the 70-mile marker who is learning to play guitar. She's stretching her fingers and mind at the same time.

In an assisted living facility, which I recently visited, a gentleman was working on a massive jigsaw puzzle. Hanging in the hallways were other pictures he had completed. There's a satisfaction that comes from putting jumbled pieces together. That's true of more than cardboard puzzles.

Having fun can be as simple as pouring salted peanuts into a bottled Coke while reminiscing with an old friend on a porch. Or a short drive to Lumpkin to see The Little Grand Canyon and have a picnic lunch below sea level might be a nice outing. Or maybe boarding a cruise ship headed somewhere we've never been should be on our calendar. Fun happens if we let it. Doing something worthwhile is perhaps the most important part of retirement. When we do nice things for others there's a satisfaction not found if our focus is on ourselves.

You won't see much litter on the streets of Pinehurst, and none that's been there very long. Mr. Raymond Davis is a senior citizen who faithfully walks the roads with a trash bag and a litter stick. Mayor Connie Christmas told me he follows a regular schedule to make sure the town stays clean. I drive through Pinehurst several days a week. When I see Mr. Raymond in his lime green vest on the side of the road, it reminds me that humble service is the most noble of aspirations. That's not an original thought on my part. I'm paraphrasing what Jesus said on multiple occasions.

There are countless resources that offer detailed retirement ideas for those who need help, but simply focusing on three foundations can be a good start. Stay busy. Have some fun. Do something worthwhile.

P.S. to Ben: I apologize for part of the advice I gave you earlier. I realized belatedly that one of those recommendations may be questionable. If you'll be careful and follow the safety rules, sometimes it's okay to use a ladder.

KID'S PAGE

Happy Saint
Patrick's



Day





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March 15 Cozie Ray

March 19 Michael Bowens

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